

I deplore Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to require that their stations air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This suggests that the FCC has not protected the public's right to hear fair and balanced reporting and certainly has not done enough to prevent media consolidation.

The FCC is charged with allocating the public airwaves free of charge, and users of these airwaves are obligated by law to serve the public interest. I would prefer to see reports on local people, local news, and substantive news.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.